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Items for the Daily Log - 14 September 1953 - Legislative Counsel

1. Mr. Robert Morris, Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to state that he believed Chairman Jenner was to write General Cabell in reply to our letter concerning the [redacted], but, in any event, we could take this call as authority to transmit to the Department of State either the copy of the executive session testimony in the [redacted] or make a copy for transmittal to the Department of State, in accordance with Under Secretary Smith's request of 4 August and General Cabell's letter to Chairman Jenner of 5 September. Mr. Morris stated that no action had as yet been taken regarding possible open hearings or release of the expurgated testimony in the [redacted] and that this would wait for further discussions among the Committee members. I will prepare the draft of a letter transmitting the testimony to General Smith at the State Department.

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2. A copy is now available of Vice President Nixon's itinerary for his forthcoming trip to the Far East. At Mr. Kirkpatrick's instructions, I have called the attention of Mr. [redacted] offices to the document so that they may have advance notice in preparing for the briefing of the Vice President. I am also calling this matter to the attention of the DCI, who may wish to make further arrangements with the Vice President for the briefing.

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3. Cables have been received from the [redacted] stating that Senator Ellender had demanded and received the names of [redacted] and expressing concern as to how the Senator was handling this information. Warning messages are being sent to all [redacted] on the Senator's tour, and we will also consider whether the Senator should be debriefed upon his return. Mr. [redacted] Assistant to DD/P, states that the appropriate division has a copy of Senator Ellender's itinerary and will bring it to the attention of Mr. [redacted] for the necessary action. I have informed Mr. [redacted] office that they may expect the itinerary.

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4. Mr. Kirkpatrick has made the necessary arrangements for me to discuss legislative problems with Colonel White during Mr. Kirkpatrick's absence for the remainder of the week.

5. Mr. Richard Walsh (who I believe was formerly associated with [redacted] is now Chief Counsel (ext. 2222-3) to the House Committee to investigate the "incorporation" of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union. Mr. Walsh called to state that Congressman Kersten was now in Europe and was interviewing witnesses for the Committee. However, Mr. Kersten had not planned to talk to any Russian escapees on this matter. Congressman Bentley (R., Mich.) is leaving for Europe on 1 October and would be prepared to go anywhere to talk with

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any knowledgeable Russian escapees, if such were available with firsthand knowledge of the Soviet takeover of the Baltic States. I informed Mr. Walsh that we would let him know whether any such refugees were available and have passed this request on to Colonel []

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6. In connection with Congressman Ostertag's trip to Europe and the Middle East and the request on his behalf from Paul Wilson of the Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who will accompany Mr. Ostertag, that

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problem, we would appreciate [] in the Middle East or its smaller installations. Mr. Wilson indicated that the only desire for the contacts was the Congressman's interest in informing himself on the situations abroad and not for the purpose of looking into CIA operations. Mr. Kirkpatrick has requested me to draft the appropriate cable language for Mr. []

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7. I have reminded General Cabell's office that Senator Bricker is scheduled to be in town on 15 September and has undertaken to call General Cabell for further briefing on the atomic energy situation in the Soviet Union. I have suggested that as a matter of courtesy we call Senator Bricker's office to set up an appointment.

8. In connection with the visit of the Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations and the possibility that the Subcommittee will ask questions regarding the [] Mr. Kirkpatrick informs me that the Director does not desire to brief Congressman Riehlman or the Subcommittee members and that [] should continue to handle the []. If the Committee becomes so insistent as to seriously embarrass the [] then the Committee may be informed that it is a [] but all questions concerning it may only be answered in Washington. Mr. Kirkpatrick instructed me to so inform [] (Admin), and I have done so.

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9. The DCI informs me that he had a call recently in [] from Congressman McCormack's Administrative Assistant but that he was unable to see Mr. McCormack []. The DCI wishes to call upon Congressman McCormack when the latter returns.

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